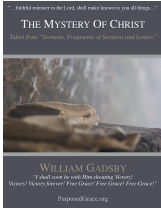


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January 6th, 2019

“For the LORD taketh
pleasure in HIS people:
HE will beautify the meek
with salvation”

(PSALM 149:4)



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2 SAMUEL 23:5 — ALL MY SALVATION

Recorded on Wednesday evening, October 5th, 2016

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HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED

*"AND YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL MEN FOR MY NAME'S SAKE:
BUT HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED"*

(MATTHEW 10:22)

[Beloved] we have now got to the end of another year. Look back with humility; look up with hope; look forward with joy: for consider what great things God hath done for us. *"Now is our salvation nearer than when we [first] believed,"* (ROMANS 13:11). Salvation, O the joyful sound! But, before *the Sun of righteousness* arose upon us [MALACHI 4:2], and displayed the glory of His finished salvation to our hearts, alas! What dark, proud, ignorant notions of salvation did we entertain! Instead of seeing righteousness as a gift by Jesus Christ, and justification of life coming by free gift, and eternal life the gift of God through Jesus Christ, (ROMANS 5:17-18; 6:23), we vainly thought that salvation was to be obtained by our fulfilling certain terms and conditions. In our natural state of blindness, before we saw Jesus, we thought enduring to the end was the condition of being saved. Now we see we are *"saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation,"* (ISAIAH 45:17). Yet some, who do not clearly see the glory of Christ's salvation, are puzzling themselves and others with the notion of a conditional salvation. If salvation is put upon our conditions, it behoves us to consider what conditions we are to perform in order to be saved. Every command may be considered as a condition. If we multiply them by four times forty-

five, we shall come vastly short of their number; and we may be sure we shall never get to the end, so as to be saved by fulfilling them. Oh the arrogance of bankrupt sinners, whose case is quite desperate, and yet think of standing upon terms and conditions with the most high God! But, say same, though of ourselves we can do nothing, yet God enables, by His grace, to perform the conditions of salvation. This is just like a creditor demanding a large sum of an insolvent debtor, who replies, I cannot pay you; I am not worth one farthing. But, says the creditor, I will come to terms with you: If you will pay me one [penny for every dollar], on that condition I will forgive you the whole debt. Says the penniless debtor, If you will assist me with the money, I will fulfill your condition. Strange [contract]! If we must have conditions of salvation, they are all to be reduced to this one, If you will save yourselves *to the end*, you shall be saved *in the end*. [Beloved] consider the evils of this proud, unscriptural notion, and reject it. [First of all], while we are taken up with finding these conditions, striving to fulfill them, and looking for salvation by them, we sadly overlook precious Jesus, His *blood* and His *righteousness*, and awfully depreciate and set at naught His finished *salvation*. And, [secondly,] we shall walk on very unhappily, and in the end, shall be very uncomfortable. What! if we strive to fulfill God's law? Yes, if we reject His counsel of salvation, by free gift of free grace, through the one atonement and righteousness of His beloved Son, to make way for our terms and conditions of salvation. [If we do that] we shall bring ourselves into bondage. Says Paul, "*I testify to every man that is circumcised,*" (does any work as a condition, to be justified and saved,) "*that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of none effect to him.*" As he seeks to be justified by the law, he is "*fallen from grace,*" (GALATIANS 5:3,4). O brethren, beware, instead of enduring to the end by faith, that you do not stumble and fall at the very beginning through pride. But we begun the year, seeing Jesus: we set out on our race with this free-grace truth, *when we had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave us all*, Luke 7:42. Oh, in this blessed sight, and with this precious faith, let us endure to the end. In and under all that we have to endure from a corrupt nature, a wicked world, and a subtle, malicious devil, nothing can bring relief to our consciences, patience to our minds, hope to our hearts, peace to our souls, and joy to our spirits, but looking unto Jesus. In Him we see salvation-work for ever done for us: we hear and believe His cry from the cross, "*It is finished.*" We hear Him proclaim from His throne in glory, "*It is done. I am Alpha*

and Omega, the beginning and the end” of salvation, (REVELATION 21:6). “We are chosen in Him to salvation.” We know this. How? “Through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth,” (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13). “Christ, of God, is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,” (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30). In the faith of this we persevere. “By faith” we endure every fight of affliction, “seeing Him who is invisible,” (HEBREWS 11:27). We “run with patience the race set before us.”—How? Looking to terms and conditions of salvation fulfilled by us? Oh no! but “looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith,” (HEBREWS 12:2). Consider that precious word, you who are ready to think your faith will not hold out to the end: the same Jesus who is the author, will be the finisher of your faith. While legal hearts work for life and salvation, it is the glory of gospel faith to live upon the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our life and salvation, and to enjoy life and salvation in Christ every step we take in the way to endless life and glory. Therefore, in spite of all the deceitfulness of sin, and the art and malice of Satan, we shall “receive the end of our faith, the salvation of our souls,” (1 PETER 1:9).

Look up, for persevering grace,
To JESUS your best FRIEND
And hope to see HIS smiling face
Enduring to the end.
Fear to turn back or slight the way
Of truth and holiness;
For JESUS’ lavish of HIS grace,
And will with glory bless.

[PASTOR] **WILLIAM MASON**

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“What do you think of Christ? This is the most important question in the world. Happy for that sinner who can answer it from his heart and say, ‘Christ is precious to me!’ For certainly, he is a pardoned, justified, sanctified, saved soul. But he is justified *IN* the LORD by His everlasting righteousness. He is saved *IN* the LORD with an everlasting salvation” — WM